

# BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS January 27, 2021

## **Public Notice Of Board Meeting**

Public notice of this Board meeting posted in the entrance foyer of the office of the Board of Elections and on the Election agency website. A copy of the meeting agenda made available.

Attendees:

Bruce Robinson Gloria Mason Carol Byrd

William Feuer Bruce Harris Andrew Bailey, Esq.

Katie Brown

Ann 'Nancy' Stratton

President

Vice President Secretary Member

Member

**Board Counsel** Director

**Deputy Director** 

## **Declaration of Quorum**

Quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 8:35 AM.

## Agenda

The Board reviewed and approved the agenda.

## Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A copy of the Minutes from the December 15, 2020 Board meeting was distributed to the Board by electronic mail prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Carol Byrd motioned to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2020 Board

meeting, as edited. SECOND: William Feuer ACTION: Motion passed

> Carol Byrd Yea William Feuer Yea Bruce Harris Yea Gloria Mason Yea Bruce Robinson Yea

# **Meetings and Important Dates:**

#### Occurred/Attended

- > December 15, 2020 Budget Boot Camp
- > December 16, 2020 MAEO Meeting
- December 17, 2020 Directors' Meeting TBD
- > December 25, 2020 Christmas, office closed
- > January 1, 2021 New Year's Day, office closed
- > January 11, 2021 MAEO Legislative Committee Meeting
- > January 11, 2021 2022 Pollbook Focus Group Meeting

- > January 12, 2021 County Council Work Session
- > January 14, 2021 2022 Pollbook Project Group Meeting
- ➤ January 18, 2021 Martin Luther King Day, office closed
- ➤ January 19, 2021 County Council Legislative Session
- January 22, 2021 MAEO Legislative Committee Meeting

## **Upcoming/Scheduled**

- ➤ February 9, 2021 MAEO Meeting
- > February 10, 2021 2020 General Election Post-Elections Manual Ballot Tabulation Audit
- ➤ February 11, 2021 2022 Pollbook Project Monthly Meeting
- ➤ February 12, 2021 FY 2022 Budget Review
- > February 15, 2021 Presidents' Day, office closed
- ➤ February 26, 2021 FY 2022 Budget Follow-Up
- ➤ May 31, 2021 Memorial Day, office closed
- ➤ July 5, 2021 Independence Day observed, office closed
- > September 6, 2021 Labor Day, office closed
- > October 11, 2021 Columbus Day, office closed
- > November 11, 2021 Veterans Day, office closed
- November 25, 2021 Thanksgiving Day, office closed
- > November 26, 2021 American Indian Heritage Day, office closed
- ➤ December 24, 2021 Christmas Day observed, office closed
- December 31, 2021 New Year's Day observed, office closed

## **Director's Report**

The Directors' Report was distributed to the Board by electronic mail prior to the meeting. Katie Brown provided a verbal summary of the Report, and an updated printed version is included in the Board folders and is as follows:

#### **Board Folders:**

Agenda, December 15, 2020 Board Meeting Board Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2020 Directors' Report, December 2020 Election Administration Reports Stats Report – September, October and November

#### **Correspondence:**

None

#### **Work/Staff Status:**

**Post-Election Manual Audit** – Manual audit of ballots from the 2020 General election will take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Notice was sent this week. Virtual only.

**Voting Equipment** – Clean up ongoing. Post-election maintenance and inventory to be done. New pollbook project underway. Disposal of unused ballots happening this week – by Baltimore County Department of Public Works Recycling.

**Absentee, Provisional and Registration Departments** – processing daily work and cleaning up from General. Candidate filing starts February 23, 2021.

**Election Judge and Training Departments** – recruitment started for the 2022 elections.

**Precincts/voting locations** — reviewing current locations — possible replacements if necessary. Updating surveys where needed.

**Outreach** – nothing to report.

**Personnel** – three state positions filled. Recruitment for the other open positions will be requested.

**2021 Legislation** – many election related bills filed. Member of the MAEO Legislative Committee for review and comment.

**FY 2022 Budget** – compiling stage 1 of FY 2022 budget. Funds for the 2022 Pollbook project unknown. Katie Brown will look into raising the rates for Board Counsel and members.

**Meeting Information** – Posting of future meeting dates and times will occur once established.

## **Board Counsel's Report**

Andrew Bailey reported that he made the list to fill a vacancy for the Baltimore County District Court.

#### **Old Business**

**By Law Amendments** – William Feuer and Bruce Harris reviewed the updated Bylaw version and to make sure amendments were captured correctly.

# **New Business**

**Board Member and Counsel Pay** – Katie Brown will look into raising the compensation for all members, but especially Board Counsel. The Board is willing to help achieve this any way they can.

#### **Board Member Reports**

Andrew Bailey reported that he contributed \$150 to Speaker Adrienne Jones.

Next Board Meeting - February 24, 2021 at 8:30 AM

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

MOTION: Gloria Mason motioned to adjourn the meeting

SECOND: Carol Byrd ACTION: Motion passed

Carol Byrd Yea
Bruce Harris Yea
Gloria Mason Yea
Bruce Robinson Yea
William Feuer Yea

The Board met as the Board of Canvassers at 9:22 AM to reject untimely ballots as follows:

Special General – 42 Presidential Primary – 568 Presidential General – 37

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Robinson, President

Gloria Mason, Vice President

Carol Byrd, Secretary /

Approved this 24th day of February 2021